

# BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS

100-50-20-YEARS AGO

(Taken from the Files of The Evening Farmer)

## ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

### NEW GOODS.

Barnum Beach has just received a new supply of winter goods which he will dispose of on the lowest terms.

### NEW SCHEDULE.

The sloop "Patriot," William Brothwell, Jun. master, will sail from New York in future on every second Thursday, beginning January 4.

### FOR SALE.

Valuable farm containing 100 acres of excellent plow, meadow, pasture and timber land, on which the subscriber now lives. Two miles north of the Academy in Weston and ten from Bridgeport. The buildings on said farm are almost new, consisting of a large and convenient dwelling house, two barns and a cider mill with a good well of water within ten feet of the door. Said farm under good improvement and mostly enclosed with a good stone wall, with an orchard that bears fruit every month in the year. Any person wishing to purchase said farm will do well to call on the subscriber who will point out many advantages not here mentioned and give an indisputable title to the same. Peter Silliman.

### FIFTY YEARS AGO.

#### DECLARE DIVIDEND.

Dividend No. 103 has been declared by the Bridgeport bank.

#### PRESENTS FOR 1867.

Useful and beautiful gifts retailed at wholesale prices at Schwartz & Co., 19 Wall street.

#### HOW TO SAVE YOUR FUEL.

Use Brown's patent double smoke ventilating damper. No smoke! No

## Ridgefield to Have Demonstrations For Betterment of Farm

Director F. B. White of the Fairfield County fair bureau and the local committee met at the High school building in Ridgefield, Wednesday evening. After a discussion of the situation, it was decided that a pruning and spraying demonstration should be held in March.

It was felt that plans made last year for the organization of a co-operative fruit selling association should be followed up and if the production is sufficient, such an association should be definitely organized this year.

The matter of boys' and girls' club work was discussed at length. Director White and other members of the committee will look up to the local situation and if there seems to be a local demand for this work the Farm Bureau will be asked to cooperate.

As the poultry program the members of the committee wish to hold a demonstration of selecting high producing layers at once. If it is possible to get proper demonstrators this will be done and the records of the productivity of the birds selected will be maintained during the year. If it is impossible to conduct this demonstration in January it will be deferred until early fall, when it will be conducted along the lines herewith outlined.

The members of the committee present were as follows: Director E. F. White, James Cummings, Morris Anderson, Chas. Anderson, J. Ebert Anderson, and Chas. A. Lewis.

#### DISCUSS JEWISH PARLIAMENT.

A parliament of Jews from all over the United States to care for their people all over the world is planned to have its birth in Washington should peace be declared among the fighting nations of Europe. The plan, which will have Bridgeport as the scene, was outlined at a meeting of Zereboval camp, Sons of Zion at Odd Fellows' hall, Sunday. Dr. Joseph Bluestone of New York city, was the principal speaker. Edward Cowan of New York, Rev. Hyman Kutler of Bridgeport, and others participated in the speaking. It was announced that more than \$200 was collected on Jewish Flag Day in Bridgeport.

The 23d regiment of Brooklyn will leave the border tomorrow.

## PAIN? NOT A BIT! LIFT YOUR CORNS OR CALLUSES OFF

No humbug! Apply few drops then just lift them away with fingers.

This new drug is an ether compound discovered by a Cincinnati chemist. It is called freezeone, and can now be obtained in tiny bottles as here shown at very little cost from any drug store. Just ask for freezeone. Apply a drop or two directly upon a tender corn or callus and instantly the soreness disappears. Shortly you will find the corn or callus so loose that you can lift it off, root and all, with the fingers. Not a twinge of pain, soreness or irritation; not even the slightest smarting, either when applying freezeone or afterwards. This drug doesn't eat up the corn or callus, but shrivels them so they loosen and come right out. It works like a charm. For a few cents you can get rid of every hard corn, soft corn or corn between the toes, as well as painful callouses on bottom of your feet. It never disappoints and never burns, bites or inflames. Genuine freezeone is sold only in these small bottles packed in a little sealed wood case, bearing a yellow wrapper. Beware of imitations.

## FAMILY DOCTOR'S GOOD ADVICE

To Go On Taking "Fruit-a-lives" Because They Did Her Good

Rochester, Jan. 14th, 1915.

"I suffered for many years with terrible indigestion and constipation. I had frequent dizzy spells and became greatly run down. A neighbor advised me to try 'Fruit-a-lives'. I did so and to the surprise of my doctor, I began to improve, and he advised me to go on with 'Fruit-a-lives'."

I consider that I owe my life to 'Fruit-a-lives' and I want to say to those who suffer from indigestion, constipation or headaches—try 'Fruit-a-lives' and you will get well. CORINE GAUDREAU, 50c. a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size, 25c. At all dealers or sent postpaid by Fruit-a-lives Limited, Ogdensburg, N.Y.

## OUR NEWTOWN NEWS LETTER

(Special to The Farmer.)

Newtown, Dec. 25.—Alfred C. Griscom of Berkshire district, was granted a patent last week for a new device for changing speeds of automobiles and other motor vehicles. The patent covers a new application of mechanical power for the purposes mentioned, and is said to be admirably effective. Mr. Griscom will manufacture the device at his shop in Sandy Hook long enough to create a demand for it, when, doubtless, capitalists will be interested to push the product on a commercial scale.

Miss Ella Blake of Bridgeport spent the Christmas period with her sisters, the Misses Margaret and Kate Blake of Sandy Hook. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lillis of Passaic, N. J., spent Christmas Day with Mrs. G. P. Lillis, Dayton street.

A Yuletide party was held Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Mitchell, Mile Hill, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Ganung of Lake Mahopack, N. Y., the parents of Mrs. Mitchell, who always spend the Christmas season in Newtown. Two score of friends paid their respects to the guests of honor, as well as enjoyed the festivity provided by the hosts.

Miss M. Irene Corbett spent the holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Corbett, of Sandy Hook. Among the collegians home for the Yuletide are noted: Leonard Wright and Sanford Beers from the Worcester Polytechnic School; Herman D. Opper from the Massachusetts Agricultural College, Amherst; Frank C. C. Ferris from Trinity College, Hartford; and John P. Keating from St. John's, Brooklyn.

Joseph D. Kearney of Bridgeport and Miss Helen Kearney, teacher in the New Britain schools, spent the holiday season with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Kearney, of Gas street.

Lena and May Fennell of Bridgeport, and Mr. and Mrs. M. Fennell, children of Mr. and Mrs. P. Fennell of Pleasant street, are spending the holiday season here.

Margaret Blake, nurse at the Stamford hospital, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blake of Brooklyn, James Blake of Utica, N. Y., and Lena Blake and Michael Blake of Bridgeport, are the guests this week of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Blake, of Walnut Tree Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. John O. Pitzschler and son Baird O., spent the holiday with Mrs. Pitzschler's mother in Bridgeport.

The selectmen have posted Wells' Hill, Sandy Hook, against coasting, as traffic conditions were dangerous in the extreme.

The ice on the Foundry pond is 12 inches thick and skating is good. W. C. Johnson expects to start the latter part of this week cutting his supply of ice from the pond, but gives this timely notice to all lovers of skating to "go to it" at once.

The Doughton fire company, No. 1, celebrated the completion of the work of decoration of its hall Friday night by an invitation dance for the members and their friends. The interior of the hall was handsomely decorated with Christmas greens, festooned about a handsome freeze, hand painted, and original design, extending around the room, the work of the clever foreman, A. E. Bevans. The music was by the company's orchestra and the refreshments were also home made. A large number were present and complimented their hosts on the public spirit exhibited by this banner fire company of rural New England. The present officers of the company are: Foreman, A. E. Bevans; first assistant, Leroy Barnum; second assistant, George Plenum; secretary, William Glover; treasurer, John W. Behn. The company expects to add a chemical engine to its equipment this year, and all social affairs are being conducted with this end in view.

The next meeting of the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Congregational church will be held at the home of Mrs. W. H. Hubbell, Jan. 4, at 2 p. m. A large crowd of children and their parents were present at the rendition of the cantata, "The Star Divine," at the church last night.

## VIGOROUS PROSECUTION OF WAR, ITALY'S PLAN

Rome, Dec. 25.—The feeling of peace in the air has not affected in the slightest measure Italy's military activity. The new class, those born in 1898, has been called to report to the colors Jan. 1, which will considerably increase the contingents available for the front, while 2,500 factories are running day and night turning out arms and munitions.

From the peaks of Trentino to the shores of the Adriatic Christmas passed in vigilant watching varied in some spots by sudden attacks, notwithstanding fearful weather conditions. Snow in the mountains is 15 feet deep. Two men pushed their way through Christmas throngs near the Capitol on Pennsylvania avenue, Washington, threw a brick into the plate glass window of a jewelry store and made off with several thousand dollars' worth of jewelry.

## CANADIANS CHARGE 2 MINUTES BEHIND "CURTAIN OF FIRE"

Raid German Trenches in Daylight, Blowing Dugouts To Pieces.

With the British Armies in France, Dec. 25.—North of Arras certain Canadian troops accomplished last week what the British officers declare marks a new phase in modern trench warfare. In rapid action which was much more than a raid, though it has been so called officially, they succeeded in putting out of action, temporarily at least, an entire battalion of German infantry.

They took 59 prisoners, including one commissioned officer, and estimated that they killed 150 Germans in dugouts which were blown to atoms after their occupants refused to surrender. The Canadian losses were extremely light.

The "raid" took place at 3 o'clock in the afternoon on a front of 400 yards. The German prisoners admit that they were taken completely by surprise. The officer captured said that he was convinced that something was about to happen, but believed that the attack was coming on Christmas Eve. He reported to the higher command, but received no support.

#### Right Behind Artillery

The Canadians, mostly stalwart men from the plains of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, had skillfully established themselves well forward in the line. The artillery had ceased the preparatory fire they were in the German front line trenches in less than two minutes. The officer in command who was reporting the raid to brigade headquarters by telephone, said that he had hardly uttered the words "They're off" before he had to say "They're in."

Consternation reigned among the Germans, who scrambled for the saps and dugouts leading to the rear trenches while the Canadians pelleted them with hand-grenades. Caught absolutely unprepared, many Germans in the front line offered no resistance, but threw up their hands with cries of "Kamerad." Others were taken as they fled for the second and third lines, for the Canadians pushed on quickly to the second trenches.

About twenty dugouts were destroyed by the Canadians, several with bombs captured from the Germans. One of the officers engaged said:

"As we entered the trenches many Germans broke for the dugouts. All who did were subsequently well cared for. Each of our men was given definite instructions for his precise task and a map of the enemy's trenches which proved absolutely correct."

#### Came Out Singing.

"Each man knew every detail of the proposed operation. They were delighted at this and entered the fight with great cheer. When they came out two hours later they were singing and as happy as schoolboys on a holiday. The neatness and despatch with which the raid was carried out were unique. The artillery co-operation of the British guns was perfect."

"Beautifully placed curtains of fire prepared our advance and, creeping forward, protected us as they proceeded to demolish absolutely the enemy trenches and dugouts. The program had given the men an hour and a half for their work, but the clearing up was accomplished in an hour and ten minutes and the raiders signalled they were ready to return to their own trenches."

No attempt was made at a counter-attack until the following night when the Germans bombarded and raided their own first line, or what was left of it, thinking that the raiders were still there. As a matter of fact the Canadians who carried out the operation were miles away. They were not part of the fighting line but on rest, and had gone forward for this particular piece of work which was planned weeks ago.

A War Office statement issued under Sunday's date tells of another successful raid carried out on Saturday night in the vicinity of Hebuterne.

"We entered enemy trenches last night in the neighborhood of Hebuterne," says the bulletin. "Dugouts occupied by the enemy were bombed and prisoners were taken."

"Gas was successfully discharged by us, yesterday evening against the enemy's trenches west of Messines. Last night the enemy used a camouflage at Mount Sorrel. No damage is reported."

Intermittent artillery activity continued, particularly on the right of the line between the Somme and Hebuterne. Northeast of our enemy working party was caught by fire. Our heavy artillery shelled enemy battery positions opposite Neuve Chapelle and Festubert."

#### BARK, ADRIATIC, SALVAGED.

New York, Dec. 26.—The Brazilian bark Neptis, which broke away from the tug Garibaldi during the storm on the night of Dec. 15, and whose crew of 12 were rescued by the Italian steamship Sardegna and brought to this port Dec. 18, was towed into port by the coastguard cutter Seneca today. The Neptis, in tow of the Garibaldi left Brazil Oct. 1.

## LASTING PEACE ALONE CAN END WAR, THEY HOLD

Paris, Dec. 25.—In addresses at the national congress of the French Socialist party Arthur Henderson, the British cabinet minister, and G. H. Roberts, member of the British parliament, both affirmed, amidst enthusiastic cheers, that the war must be fought out until full guarantees have been obtained for a lasting peace.

"In my opinion," said Mr. Henderson, "if France and ourselves were to enter into negotiations under existing conditions we should be nations in bondage. Nothing less than that is the price our enemies would exact for peace, today."

Emil Standerfelde, the Belgian Socialist leader, said:

"Our comrades who have remained in invaded Belgium bear up under the German domination with admirable frankness. Nothing but encouragement reaches us from them. It would seem that the persons most hostile to war are those farthest from it."

Mr. Vandervelde also declared that the struggle must be carried on until Belgium shall be delivered and "Caesarism is laid low."

"In my opinion we have now reached the most dangerous period of the war. During the next few months the democracies of England and France are going to be tested as never before. Do not misunderstand me. The danger is of an entirely different nature from field fighting. Our stupendous losses, our unprecedented sacrifices, our horror of war, our love of peace may lead us to mortgage the future. With such awful experiences we are apt to forget the great moral, eternal principles and idols for which we entered the struggle. We are not only fighting a negative action against material forces which are highly organized, but we are engaged in a great conflict on the result of which depends all our ideals. If we enter into negotiations now we do so when Germany is not repentant for her wrongdoing and is not glorifying in the success of her military efforts—in fact in the victory of German imperialism."

"I cannot tell you how many months and what sacrifices stand between us and victory. But I can tell you what will be the rewards of victory if we are true to ourselves. We shall have asserted the rights of nations, large or small, to live their own lives undisturbed by the ambitions of powerful neighbors. We shall have exacted such reparation for wrongs done them by this war as will be a warning to aggressors for all time to come. We shall have laid the foundations of that league of nations beginning with those who have fought and suffered at our side, which will deliver Europe and the world from the terror of war."

"The choice today is between an untimely peace with years of fear and a few months of suffering with a lasting peace."

#### Judge Lindsey Urges

Gentle But Firm Hand For Breakers of Law

Judge Benjamin H. Lindsey, Denver's former mayor and expert criminologist, spoke at the Lyric theatre yesterday afternoon under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A.

Sympathetic treatment of prisoners rather than violence or brutality on the part of prison keepers, but always a firm hand, is the method of correction advocated by the speaker who was well received by a large audience.

E. H. Dillon & Co., 1165 Main street, January clearance sale commences today. Clearance sale reductions in Winter Millinery, Shirt Waists, Silk Petticoats, Silk and Wool Sweaters, Marabout Feather Boas and Muffs, Ostrich Feather Boas, reliable Fur Scarfs and Muffs, Long Cloth Coats, guaranteed Raincoats and Dolls.—Adv.

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